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News Briefs

Gospel Sing The first gospel sing of the New Year for the Sonshine

Trio and His Quartet will be Friday, Jan. 6, at 7:30 p.m. The Woman's Auxiliary of

Friday, Jan. 6, at 7:30 p.m.
The Woman's Auxiliary of
the nursing home in Pahokee invites all to attend. It
will be held at the Church of
the Nazarene, 480 Bacom
Point Road, Pahokee.
Featured will be the Sonshine Trio and His Quartet.
Both groups have recorded
some of their best songs.
Refreshments will be
served in the church annex

Refreshments will be served in the church annex following the event. For further-information, call Brenda Peacock at 924-7123, or Pastor Dever at 924-71998.

There is no charge to attend this event, but a free-

will offering will be received.

Parade planned

The Lake Shore Middle School Multi-Cultural Arts Committee has declared January, 1995 as Multi-Cul-tural Month and will be celebrating by having different Multi-Cultural events all month long.

The grand finale of the

will be the Multi-Cultural Parade on Friday, Jan. 27, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and the Multi-Cultural Field Day also on Friday, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The community is invited

Job Fair

Job Fair
The Job Service of Florida
has announced Job Fair '95
will be Thursday, Feb. 9,
from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at
the South Florida Fairgrounds.
Employers and prospective
employees are invited to
attend free of charge. Registration forms are available
at the Belle Glade Chamber
of Commerce and are due in

of Commerce and are due in by Jan. 13.

Performance at DHCAC
The Vic Knight Orchesstra
will be at the Dolly Hand
Cultural Arts Center Jan.
27, 8 p.m. For ticket information, call 992-6160.

Manhunt continues for five escaped murderers

Sixth escapee caught during breakeut

By Brenda Bunting
An all-out manhunt is continuing today for five very dangerous prisoners who escaped from Glades Correctional Institution in Belle Glade.



All are wanted for murder. according to GCI Assistant Superintendent John Townsend, and one has com-mitted "multiple murders," he

"We want them very badly," said Mr. Townsend.

Six inmates escaped Monday evening about 6:15 p.m., by digging a tunnel under a fence at the south end of the complex. One of the men, Felix Carbonell, was caught and has



been returned to prison, but the other five, all from Cuba, have not been found.

The six men were serving life sentences for first-degree mur-der and Mr. Townsend said he believes they are still in the Belle Glade area.

"We believe the inmates are hiding in the sugar cane fields or in a ditch. There has been

or in a ditch. There has been no movement and very few leads, said Mr. Townsend. Dogs are being used to follow the trail and tracks show the men are on foot. The trail became cold about 11 a.m. Tuesday, according to Mr. Townsend, but after resting the dogs for a short period,

they are trying again to pick-up the trail.

The men escaped by digging



the prison chapel and ending



just outside the prison's fence.
They had to dig about three
feet under G.C.I's razor-wire
fence and a concrete slab.
Mr. Townsend said the prisoners had an extra set of cloth-



ing under the building and would change into it when dig-

ing under the building and would change into it when digging and then back into their clean prison uniform when they finished.

This has been well planned, he said. He estimated it took 20 days for the men to dig the tunnel.

The escape occurred just as the prisoners were being called in for the evening from an athletic field, 'Mr. Townsend said. It's believed the inmates shored up the soft muck soil



say around 6 p.m. Law enforcement agencies around the county are searching for five of the men who good their season. All are convicted murders and considered armed and date goods. The closed security ison houses over 1,200 inmates.

SURPRIOTO by Brends Bunting

inside the tunnel with wood from a nearby construction

When the men emerged on the other side of the fence, the other side of the fence, electronic devices on the fence set off an alarm. A guard fired several shots at the men, but it is not known if any were hit by

the gunfire.

Helicopters searching with spotlights echoed through the night Tuesday as local law enforcement officers sought the

escapees.
Mr. Townsend said he has received calls from citizens asking what they can do to secure their homes. He said he believes the men will try to steal cars locally and possibly break into homes to get clothing

officers from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Florida Highway Patrol, Belle Glade Police Department, South Bay and Royal Palm Beach police are assisting in the search.

the search.
Officials are searching for:
Juan Fleitas, 30; Florencio
Alvarez, 39; Hector Rivas, 32;
Jesus Martinez, 47; and
Armando Junco, 62. Rivas was
in prison for the murder of a
Kay West charter boat captain
in 1909

Mr. Townsend said anyone with any information or any-one who may have sighted these men are asked to call

Local citizens tell their wishes for the new year

Editor
Goodbye 1994 - a year of
excess, too much rain, too few
jobs, layoffs in the thousands,
and passbook savings rates
below three percent. Hello
1995 - a year many in the
Glades hope will bring prosperity to the area.
Several citizens in the

Several citizens in the Glades were asked what they would wish for in the new year. Here are their responses:



Belle Glade Mayor Steve Weeks: "I'd wish for 2,000 paying jobs and an end to the bad weather."

Sgt. John Russ with the Palm Beach County Sherif-fs Office: I would wish peo-ple would be more cognizant about the state of affairs the world is in. Help your neighoors, have more brotherly love, less hostility, and more respect for other people and each other. I would also like to see more prosperity for everyone in the new year."



Neil Whipkey, administrator for Glades General Hospital: "I wish for a health,
happy, prosperous 1995. My
wish would be that some of the
turmoil concerning the future
of agriculture in the area will
be resolved."
Rosenwald Elementary
School Principal Earlyne
Harrell: Tresolve to keep my
expectations and visions high
in my personal and professionall life: I want to surround
myself with people who want to
make social and economic
changes in qur community, folk
Wishes, continued on page 3

First babies born in the new year in the Glades are both girls



"I'm finished", said Kim Austin of Pa Medical Center in Pahokee. The 30-year-ol-child. She has a 4-year-old daughter and a Year's day. She wan't due until Jan. 21, bu



One-women show honors African American women through mesmerizing historical journey



Addish Barnes raises her arms to the ceiling as if invoking a god. A spotlight picks her out on the hare floor that serves as a stage. She speaks: "I am that I am - woman black." (quoted from Accent LA/November 1992) "Come journey with me as I take us back. The times of so many are long gone. But the

vards of their efforts live on and on.

Theatre-goers will take a mesmerizing journey into the lives of seven African American women when Palm Beach Com-munity College presents the werful one-w man historical powerful one-woman historical play. "I am that I am - woman black," on Saturday, Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m. The popular show features award-winning actress Adilah Barnes, best known to television audiences for her role of "Anne Marie" on ABC's top-

ated Roseanne.
This jubilant and captivating This jubilant and capturating journey through time explores the lives of dynamic African American women who have made lasting contributions to the fields of human rights, education, literature, and politics. I. am that I am - woman black celebrates their ability to over-

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come seemingly insurmount-able obstacles and achieve their life callings by their undaunted faith and belief in themselves In their own words and embel-lished with song. Barnes brings to life Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Mary McLeod Bethune, Zora Neale Hurston, Lorraine Hansberry, Angela Davis and Maya Angelou for audiences of all ages. The show has been described as "a whirl-wind trip through time, begin-ning in the years of slavery and leading to recent years." (The Daily Kent Stär, Kent State University) Barnes concludes the show with a post-perfor-mance discussion with the audience about the characters audience about the characters portrayed. Barnes believes that one is sure to walk away with a stronger sense of self by experi-encing the triumph of the human spirit through these

"Because of my great love and respect for these women, I have chosen to create a tapestry of them," says Ms... Barnes. She also says the show pays homage to the immortal spirits of the women which touch hearts, enlighten minds and inspire spirits. Ms. Barnes says she was greatly influenced to finally create her own project after touring three seasons in another historical one-women show, Sister, Can I Speak for You? with the African American Drama Company of San Francisco. "Because of my great love

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Students are encourage to attend and schools nay request group settings.

reception will follow the

For more information call the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Cen-ter at 992-6160.

vary depending on the of 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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man show Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Co

What were the major news events of 1994?



By Mike Lyons

What were the major ne vents of 1994? The O Simpson case, the Republi-cans' victory in November and the baseball strike are probably the big stories of the past 12 months. These are the events we are most

are the events we are most likely to remember in the coming years.

We had some big headlines in the wacky world of weather last year, too. A November hurricane, a dramatic increase in lightning accidents, the retirement of Bob Sheets and the successful. Sheets and the successful

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launch of a new weather

While all of these events While all of these events are important, none of them can be ranked as the top story of 1994. What was number one over the past 12 months? Let me give you'a hint. It involves water. Lots of water. 1994 will go down in the record books as the wettest year in nearly half a century. Depending on where it is you call home, on average, over seven feet of water fell in our part of Florida.

part of Florida.

Seven feet! That's over 86 inches more than we normally get during the year. What's more, it's not even a

record.

Officially, it is the second wettest year in recorded history. It may be hard to believe but we had more rain in 1947. Over 100 inches fell

at year! n 1994, the rain started early and never seemed to stop. January and February, traditionally two of our dri-est months, turned out to be two of our wettest. Heavy and frequent rains fell dur-

and trequent rains fell during the spring and summer
months, too.

August and September are
supposed to be wet, usually
the two wettest months of
the year. Both lived up to the
reputation this year. In fact,
according to several of my. according to several of my Weather Watchers it rained

every day in September.
October is the established beginning of the dry season.
Yet, October of 1994 started out the same way September ended: with lots of water. But, by the middle of the

month, the rain had stopped and it appeared the dry season was here to stay.

Then, a fella named Gordon came for a visit. Up until November it had been a fairly quiet hurricane season. Only five storms had formed in the Atlantic Basin and only one. Chris. had develoned on the Atlantic Basin and only one. Chris. had develoned and the Atlantic Basin and only one. Chris. had develoned and the statement of the sta only one, Chris, had developed into a hurricane. It looked as we might squeak by without getting hit by a

by without getting hit by a tropical system.

After all, November was the end of the hurricane sea-son. Since 1871, only 22 hur-the month of November.

Make that 23 and 24 follow-ing the births of Hurricanes Florence and Gordon.

Florence popped up in the middle of the Atlantic not bothering a soul. But, Gor-

middle of the Atlantic not bothering a soul. But, Gor-don was something else. He dumped up to 15 inches of rain in our area producing widespread flooding.

Then, a few weeks later, a powerful, slow-moving storm developed in the Gulf of Mex-tico. It gave us another round

ico. It gave us another round of heavy rain bringing our yearly total of water to over 85 inches.

85 inches.

Why was it so wet? Most experts point to the El Nino, the name given for a warmer than normal part of the Pacific Ocean near the equa-tor. That warm water helped generate numerous storms that seemed to love visiting

That seemed to love visiting Florida.

The El Nino is expected to weaken in 1995. Let's hope, so or we'll all end up living on lakefront property.

Mike Lyons is the weatherman for WPBF, Channel 25.

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The Belle Glade Police inch spartment investigated 767 Dec. laints the week of Dec. 26 agh Jan. 1 and handled 17

complaints the week of Dec. 26 through Jan. 1 and handled 17 crime scenes.

Those issued traffic citations included:
Dec. 28 Maria Garcia, 32, violation of child restraint and careless driving; Kenneth Kelly. 20, careless driving; Curtis Miller, 32, unlawful speed; Victorio Barrera, 22, unlawful speed; Victorio Barrera, 22, unlawful speed, Mary Alice Walker, 38, unlawful speed; Wilfrid Pieruel, 43, parked in a no parking zone; Moses Tucker, 27, unlawful speed, driving with license suspended or revoked.
Dec. 28 - Registald Butts, 19, expired tag less than four months; Angels Blackman, 21, violation of child restraint; Edward Jenkins, 22, unlawful speed; Chonya Canty, 17; no valid driver's license; Sabrina Bryant, 30, unlawful speed; Randall Nyberg, 23, unlawful speed; Randall Nyberg, 23, unlawful speed; Cartrude Grandison, 27, unlawful speed; Guillermo Sanchez, 55, violation of a traffic control device; Jonnie Little, 21, unlawful speed.
Dec. 29 - Trist Orme, 28,

control device; Jonnie Little, 21, unlawful speed.

Dec. 29 - Trist Orme, 28, unlawful speed; Lisa Puente, 29, unlawful speed; Charles Roberson, 34, failure to yield to emergency vehicle; Felicia Peterson, 29, unlawful speed; Haywood Williams, 41, unlaw-ful speed

Dec. 30 - Miguel Caldentrey, 49, unlawful speed.
Dec. 31 - Louis Canada, 49, driving while license suspended

Jan. 1 - Inez Elaine Jones, 49, failed to yield at an intersec-tion; Charlie Marshall, 31, careless driving. Arrests Dec. 26- Jan. 1

City officials will discuss raising water and sewer rates at the Jan. 9 meeting at 8 p.m. City Manager Lomax Har-relle said the rate increase may be necessary because of increas-ing costs of charriesle popular

be necessary because of increas-ing costs of chemicals, power, materials, and other factors of

materiais, and other factors of daily system operations. In addition, he said; one of the more critical factors is the capital dollars needed to improve and expand the wastewater treatment and effluent disposal facilities as

wastewater treatment and effuent disposal facilities as mandated by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The city commission is also considering improvements to the water treatment distribution and storage system. These improvements include metering and numbing changes, the

included:
Dec. 26 · Dorothy Davis, 21, throwing a deadly missile, failure to appear on charges of petit theft, aggravated assault, tampering with a witness, Gene Hampton, 44, uttering a forgery and petit theft.
Dec. 27 · Moses Tucker, 26, failure to appear on charges of no or improper driver's license; Charles Williams, 31, two counts of auto burglary, possession of narcotic paraphernalia, petit theft; Nathaniel Jones, 47, 23, burglary, obstructing and opposing; Richard Skeete, 31, failure to appear on charges of obstructing justice; a 17-year-old disorderly conduct; Latina Hunter, 19, disorderly conduct; juvenile, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; juvenile, domestic battery; Riley Lynn Holmes, 24, domestic battery; Tahaia Davis, 21, aggravated battery; Dec. 28 · Stacey Lee Wells, 19,

Tashia Davis, a., ...

Dec. 28- Stacey Lee Wells, 19, grand theft auto; James Bivens, 20, grand theft auto, grand theft, aggravated battery, strongarm robbery, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; marijuana under 20 grams; where, Antonio Green, 20, aggravited battery, strongarm robbery, grand theft and grand theft auto; juvefile, throwing a dead-ly missile; Henry Vickers, 19, strongarm robbery, grand theft, aggravated battery, grand theft auto.

agravated battery, grand theit auto.
Dec. 29 - Cornelius Clark, 32, loitering and prowling; Antonio Lopez, 25, domestic battery; Malcom Holland, 19, grand theft; Tanya Jenkins, trespass; Christopher Brotolot, 19, grand theft auto; Mary Francis Johnson, 35, retail theft; Henry Curtis Gaines, 19, grand theft; Leon Williams, 29, auto burglary, petit theft.
Dec. 30 - George Baker, 19, armed burglary auto, carriying a

improvements has been esti-mated at \$2 to \$3 million,

mated at \$2 to \$3 million, according to Mr. Harrelle.
The overall projected cost for making improvements to the wastewater collection system is \$12 million. The city has received approval for an initial \$824,000 loan from the Florida State Department of Environmental Protection at an interest rate of 3.24 percent with a 20-year repayment. By obtaining this approval before Dec. 31, Mr. Harrelle said the low interest rate is locked in for the future \$8.4 million required to/construct the proposed

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City of Belle Glade may

raise water and sewer rates

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ing: Ernesto Montoye, 47, carrying a conceiled firearm.
Dec. 31 - Drema Smith, 22, aggravated assault; a 15-year-old juvenile, charged with burglary; Willie Anderson, 54, reckless display of a firearm, grand theft firearm, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon; failure to appear on charges of open container violation; Delanos Brown, 18, petit theft; Eric Roach, 55, carrying a concealed firearm.



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Eric Roach, 55, carrying a concealed firearm.
Jan. 1 - Leona Dunbar, 28,
reckless display of a firearm;
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eleohol by a person under 21,
Pahokee: "As a hospital
possession of marijuana under were going to hope for every
20 grams, fomar Morin, 18, possession
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Réditors note: The police new year I hope to lose 10
news in this newspaper lists pounds."
arrests, not convictions, ken Schenck, city manager
unless otherwise stated, for the City of Pahokee: "I
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to let us know. We will confirm the information and
tution Superintendent Jerprint it.

ald-Abdul Wasi: My wish for the New Year would be that we could service the communi-ty by keeping it safe. We want to keep these almost 1,200 inmates away from the com-munity so they can feel safe at



Belle Glade City Manager Lomax Harrelle: "My new year's wish for Belle Glade includes improved tourism through the construction of boat locks and the develop-ment of an industrial park for attracting new businesses to the area. I am yery attracting new businesses to the area. I am very appreciative to everyone in the community for helping us in 1994 to make this a better community. Looking forward, I hope 1995 will bring a better economy, more favorable weather for the agricultural interests in the area, and much happiness and prosperi-ty for the citizens of Belle

Continued from page 1

George Wedgworth, president of Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida:
"During 1994 the Cooperative, its members and employees its members and employees completed a productive and prosperous year, setting sever-al records in the 32-year history. However, government present-ed many hurdles and disappointments to our industry and to the economic welfare of and to the economic welfare of all who live and work in the Glades. We are hopeful that 1995 will

bring a greater appreciation for producers of food and sup-porting businesses in the porting businesses in the Glades and the nation as a whole. We at Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida wish for the area greater prosperity and a Happy New Year to all who make the Glades a better place to work at a line."

TAX SAVINGS GARY R. NIKOLITS, CFA, PROPERTY APPRAISER Filing Period for Tax Saving Exemptions Begins January 3rd and Ends March 1st

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION \$25,000

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 Reside on the property as of January 1, 1995
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In addition, please bring the following items which apply to you, issued prior to January 1, 1995:

Evidence of ownership (recorded deed, tax bill, contract for sale,

etc.)
Social Security Number,
Permanent residency proof (Alien
Registration Card), if not a U.S.

Florida driver's license. Florida vehicle registration Florida voter's registration. Declaration of Domicile

Death certificate, if applicable, for widow(rt)'s exemption. If property is held in trust, provide a copy of the trust agreement.

You then appear personally at one of the County Property Appraiser's Offices or at one of the scheduled locations shown below and file your application.

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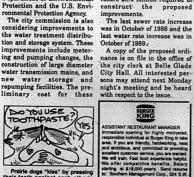
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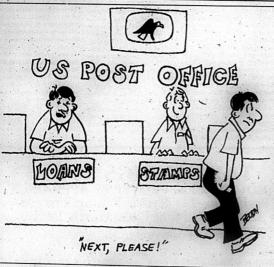
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Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

Below is a short "Thank You" to all of the Holiday Store volunteers. Could you please publish
this in the net issue of The Sun? I would appreciate it.

To all Holiday Store volunteers:

case it.

To all Holiday Store volunteers:

A very special thank you to all of the individuals who helped plan and worked at the Holiday

als who nepeu pain and workers as section.

It is difficult to take time from your hectic lives during this time to share with others less fortunate than yourselves, but I am sure the recipients appreciated your efforts.

Marylou Powers, Volunteer Administrator CL. Brumbeck Medical Center Belle Glade

A promising future for agriculture

By Carl Loop
President of Florida
Farm Bureau
There will always be an agricultural industry in Florida.
Water and knowledgeable agriculturalists to keep our industry stream. We needed what try strong. We produce what people want during the season when, historically others can't.

when, historically others can t. Several weeks ago, a speaker challenged my faith in our industry. Startling as his message was, it gave me food for thought. It also constituted a call to action if we intend to protect the future of our indus-

try.

Here is what he said: "As

Plorida is, con-Here is what he said: "As unique as Florida is, consumers in this nation and the world could get along without Florida agricultural production if Florida producers chose not to produce or if state or federal governments imposed regulations which made it impossible to produce. The world would like to have agriculture output from Florida, but it does not need Florida's output if Florida producers can not compete on price and quality with other areas of the world."

The audience was in shock as

The audience was in shock as he built his case.

Communism has collapsed. Freedom has been expanding throughout the world. Capital and technology are flowing into and technology are flowing into areas of the world where free-

country where food production is increasing with little addi-tional land being cultivated For all developing nations, food production has risen 12 percent between 1981-1991. Dur-ing that time, China alone has increased cereal production by 39 percent on 2.5 percent less land. Africa holds tremendous potential, if governments there stabilize

potential, if governments there stabilize.
Why are these strides being made? First, the base production in these nations was low, so any increase appears large. But more important, capital is being invested in a productive manner - equipment, supplies, and improvement and technology. It is not being siphoned off to meet rules and regulations which hamper productivity in these nations. Public policy recognizes the importance of agriculture and encourages its expansion. Such public policy provided an environment US agriculture enjoyed in the 1940s to 1970s.
Today in Florida and

Today in Plorida and throughout the United States, productivity levels for many crops are very stable. Why? Certainly not because our farmers are less intelligent than those in other nations.
We are simply not investing
our resources as productively
as is being done elsewhere.

A farmer has only so much reas of the world where free-om is a new experience.
The speaker sited country by

regulations, every dollar spent for taxes, every dollar spent defending against governmen-tal nonsense, are dollars which can not be invested in produc-tivity. Unfortunately, that is the direction in which we have been heading for the past decade.

decade.

Last month's election results have provided a tremendous opportunity to change the direction of government in Florida and the nation. To a great extent, successful candidates in the election campaigned on promises to curtail the size arone and nower of dates in the election cam-paigned on promises to curtail the size, scope and power of government. The opportunity to keep these promises should be acted on quickly and aggres-

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The first thing our newly: elected Congress and Legisla-ture should do is review the working of all regulatory agen-cies. These agencies should have to justify their actions. Our elected officials should put the agencies on the defensive Our elected officials should put the agencies on the defensive instead of the agencies con-stantly keeping citizens on the defensive. I believe regulatory bodies would be hard pressed to defend many of their past actions. Those actions that are not defendable should be elimi-nated. In addition, regulatory bodies should be reduced in size and power where apprower where appro-

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Home schooling: One educational choice

By David F. Salisbury
My wife and I are the proud parents of six
children. Currently, four of our six children
attend public school while two are in "home

school. We have treated our decision to home school as an individual one based on the needs, experiences, and interests of each child. Although our older children - those in the public schools - seem to be adapting and doing fairly well, we are continuously frustrated by what we see in their schools.

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Many public schools today seem to have lost the ability to teach well the basic subjects of reading, writing, mathematics, history, geography, and science. Instead they have become bogged down in bureaucratic jargon, platitudes, and subjective outcomes. Their emphasis seems to be more on controversial social issues and on appreciating each other? cultures than on the fundamentals of education.

Our concern is that our children acquire the basic and advanced skills they will need for college and for later life and that they get exposure to the cultural traditions, literature, and great thoughts and ideas of the past.

Yes, in the absence of true educational choice, home schooling may be the best option for parents unhappy with thy public school to which their children are assigned and who lack the means to move, or to send their kids to a private school.

In fact, in Florida aver 16.000 families have

In fact, in Florids over 16,000 families have already chosen the home school option, and that number is growing at the rate of about 30 per-

number is growing at the rate of about 30 percent a year.

According to a recent survey conducted by the Florida Department of Education, the most frequent reason given by parents for establishing a home education program is dissatisfaction with public school instruction.

Other reasons cited include: unsafe school-measurement, values and religious beliefs,; overcawded classrooms; lack of opportunity for individualized instruction; adverse peer pressure; expense of private schools; medical/health problems of child.

Once, home schooling was considered the primarily domain of a few reclusive families. But today, an increasing number of middle class

families are foregoing the public schools for the home education option. This option, however, is under attack by the National Education Association and may well become the next battle-ground for parental rights. Witness the attack recently waged against home schoolers by a small group of legislators in the U.S. House of Representatives who tried to include language in H.R. 6, the Timproving America's Schooling Art., that would have required home schooling parents to be state certified before they could teach their own children. This effort, fortunately, was turned back after Congress received thousands of telephope calls from home schooling families.

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All Americans should stand firm against those who seek to take away parents rights to make important decisions about their children's education. Home schools account for only a small fraction of the total students in the United States yet the NEA sees home schooling as a threat. When three home-schooled brothers from California each received prestigious scholarships to Harvard University, the public began to see that home schools can and do produce quality students. In fact, recent studies have shown home schoolers to be socially advanced and academically competitive.

Most parents may never feel the need or desire to educate their children at home. But having the right to do so is an important option that represents a form of leverage parents have with the public schools.

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The fact that parents in most states can take their children out of public school to educate them at home is at least some insentive for public "hools to keep academic programs strong, to re... in sensitive to the needs of families, and to keep schools safe.

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Perhaps more importantly, it reminds officials that parents - not the state and not powerful unions - have the right and responsibility to guide and direct the education of their children.

David Salisbury is Associate Professor of Educa-tional Technology at Florida State University and is currently a visiting scholar with the James Madison Institute, a non-profit research organization devoted to impriving Florida's government.

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By Harvey Rosenfeld
Yesteryear Village, the Roger
Dean Conservation Building,
and the American Indian Tent
are just three of the many exciting things to see at the 1995 South Florida Fair, Jan-uary 13-29.

uary 13-29.

There will be midway carnival rides, performances by bigname musicians, a daily Sunset Parade, 4-H agricultural exhibits and competition, and other special interest tents and displays.

This year's theme is "Dakota Territory", focusing attention on the culture and history of the upper midwest. Nearly 700,000 people attended the fair last year.

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Yesteryear Village, a collection of restored South Flurida buildings from the late 1800's through World War II, is an ongoing project to preserve the ongoing project to preserve the architecture and ways of life of traditional inland Florida.

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Seven buildings presently comprise the village and are open to the public. The Loxa-hatchee Groves Schoolhouse, 20's era Corbitt farmhouse, Sellers House Ranch Cabin, Red Level Baptist Church, "L" Street House from Lake Worth, a blacksmith shop, and country

The store is home to a w working shop and the Yesteryear Village Fire Depart-ment watchroom and museum. More buildings will be added

in the future, re-creating the feel of a complete traditional small Florida town. Close attention is paid to historical

accuracy.
The village features many attractions. A 1954 LaFrance fire engine has been restored to prime condition. An encamo ment by the Civil War Re tors will include memorabilia of the Blues and Greys. There will be demonstrations of old-

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time sewing machines, spinning wheels, and woodworking

quipment in action.

The air will be filled with the sounds of steam engines of the Florida Flywheelera, who will also have a line-up of antique

The Vintage Automobile
Club will exhibit cars from the
early 1900's through mid1940's. Antique household furnishings, agricultural implements, and children's toys can
fix asam.

For more information, call Carey Lockman, Historical inistrator, at 790-5224.

The American Indian Tent will feature artisans and craftsmen representing a wide diversity of cultures. The dis-play will include the work of silversmiths from the south west, handmade pottery, Semi-nole clothing, basketry, blan-kets, beadwork and other art

The Spotted Tail Singers
Dance and Drum Team will
provide demonstrations of traditional chanting and dancing
each day at 1, 4, and 9 p.m.

This team has placed first in national and grand national competition and has performed with distinction at pow wows the country.

The Roger Dean Conserva-

tion Building is host to 15 area environmental and outdoors non-profit organizations with an active interest in promoting an appreciation of the natural resources and beauty of South Florida. Both volunteer clubs and governmental agencies are represented.

This year's theme is "America's Greenways, a project to expand outdoor recreational opportunities for people and provide habitat for animals through the creation of a con-tinuous trail network.

With a variety of perspec-tives, the conservation nem-bers present interesting and fun exhibits and information on the activities of their

respective groups.

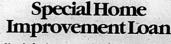
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Bear, will participate in the aily Sunset Parade.
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Roberta Flack will "Set The Night To Music" at SunFest '95 when she hits the stage on

sau Amphibious Ready Group

Cpl. Patterson is one of nearly 2,000 Marines and 1,600 Sailors who were ordered off the coast of

Bosnia as a prudent measure in light of recent develop-ments. U.S. naval forces have maintained a continuous presence in the Adriatic Sea in support of United Nations

operations there since July

1992.
Cph. Patterson is a 1991 graduate of Pahokee High School. He is the son of Luis H. and Eustacia Patterson of

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SunFest announces initi

SunFest has announced the first of nore than 20 national first of nore than 20 national headline acts to perform at the annual mustic, art. and water featival May 3.-7, 1995, and the annual mustic, art. and water featival May 3.-7, 1995, and performances will be announced closer to the festi-

Today's lineup touches on tradition, Latin and contemporary jazz, blues, R & B and pop, said Sunfest '35 president Tom Burns. Our total lineup of national and South Florida acts, which we will secure by the end of March, will reflect just about all types of music. By offering a diverse lineup, our hope is to capture the varied interests of everyone in our community." SunFest '55 will be the 13th annual festival by SunFest of Palm Beach County, Inc., a nonprofit organization based in West Palm Beach Because of the new construction and

of the new construction and improvements being made to downtown West Palm Beach, this year's event holds unique opportunities for SunFest organizers.

Mr. Burna said. "We are very excited to be a part of the new downtown and will be changing the layout of our site for the first time in many years. We have been and will continue to work with city officials to maximize the use of our site! The changes we make will safely and comfortably accommodate our patrons and positively expose then to

accommodate our patrons and positively expose then to downtown West Palm Beach. SunFest's staff and volun-teers recently gained valuable experience in working an-event within the new Flagler Drive framework when they directed the operations of the city's Centennial Celebration. In all, they depresed In all, they donated numerous supplies and more than 1,000 hours in planning and execu-tion of this event.

Military News

Patterson
Marine Cpl. Luis H. Patter son has been serving off the coast of Bosnia-Herzegovina with the 22nd Marine Expedi-tionary Unit (22nd MEU), embarked with the USS Nas-

val along with the names of more than 20 national acts.

Martinez
Marine Pvt. Roberto D.
Martinez recently completed
recruit training.
During the training cycle at
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Parris Island, S.C., recruits
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All recruits participate in an active physical conditioning program and gain proficiency in a variety of military skills including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close-order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline are emphasized throughout the cycle. throughout the cycle.
Although the Marine Corps

Although the Marine Corpsis scaling back, its invest-ment in high quality recruits continues. The Marine Corps has more than 38,000 job openings this year.

Pvt. Martinez is a 1994 graduate of Glades Central High School.

Hicks

Marine Lance Cpl. Freddie
L. Hicks, recently returned
from duty in Haiti with Special Purpose Marine Air
Ground Task Force Caribbean.

Cpl. Hicks was one of 1,800 Cpl. Hicks was one of 1,800
Marines and Sailors who
landed on the northern coast
of Haiti in September and
remained ashore for 12 days.
Cpl. Hicks and his fellow
Marines and Sailors assisted
in various humanitation rice in various humanitarian mis-sions such as distributing food, resupplying the hospital in Cap Haitien and maintaincurity.

The 1990 graduate of Paho-kee High School, is the son of Alberta L. Freeman of Belle Glade. He joined the Marine

Corps in July 1992.

Straker

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Roberta Flack will be one of many entertainers at the annual S Fest '95 on May 3 - 7. Ten free live oak trees

Ten free live oak trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during January, 95.
The free trees are part of the non-profit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.
These magnificent wide-

These magnificent wide-spreading trees will be picturesque additions to your landscape," Said John Rosenow, the Foundation's president. They were selected for this campaign because of the shade and special beauty they will give your home. Live oaks grow rapidly when young and may live to be centuries old."

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postpaid at the right time for planting between February 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guar-anteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's
bi-monthly publication, "Arbor
Day," and The Tree Book with Day," and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care. To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE LIVE OAKS, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor. Avenue, Nebraska City, NE, 68410, by January 31.

Closure extended in Everglades until water levels recede

The 9 day closure of the Everglades because of high water has been extended past the Dec. 28 deadline until

the Dec. 28 deadline until water levels recede.

The extended closure applies to the Everglades and Francis S. Taylor Wildlife Management Area, the Holey Land Wildlife Management Area, and the Rotenberger Wildlife Management Area, according to Lt. Jim Huffstodt of the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (GFC).

he areas remain closed

because the resident deer herd has been under a great deal of stress because of high water, Mr. Huffstodt said. "More than 100 deer have died in the area since October."

area since October."
High water forces the deer to congregate on the remaining high ground where they quickly exhaust the available forage," said Mr. Huffstodt. Wehicles running the levees or airboats in the marsh further aggravate the situation, and force the deer out into the high water."

high water."
The extended closure

include the following excep-

sportsmen using watercraft may continue to use the deep water canals within the closed area.

--hunters using boats other than airboats can hunt waterfowl during the second phase of the duck season, Dec. 22 through Jan. 15, in the Holey Land Wildlife Management

--public access will be allowed in Water Conserva-tion Area 2 from the L-358 levee north to the East-West

--commercial airboats will

--commercial airboats will continue to operate by permit on designated routes.

The Everglades and Francis S. Taylor Wildlife Management Area includes 671, 831 acres of western Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. The Rotenberger Wildlife Management Area includes 27,810 acres in southwest Palm Beach County. The Holey Land Wildlife Management Area includes Management Area includes Management Area includes Management Area includes Palm Beach County.

Management Area includes 35,350 acres in southwest

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Over 170 bird species abandon the cold north for warmer climates

Wintertime in Florida is a great opportunity for bird-watchers to observe the more than 170 bird species that have abandoned the cold north for warmer climes. These are the real snow birds.

We're not just talking about ducks here. Non-game Wildlife Biologist Ricardo Zambrano of the Florida Game and Fresh

the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, says our rish Commission, says our winter guests include vul-tures, fish crows, shorebirds, falcons, songbirds, loons, bald eagles, pelicans, kingfishers and others.

Motorists crossing the Southern Blvd. Bridge across the Intracoastal waterway to the island of Palm Beach regularly see thousands of fish crows that flock each evening to their roosts on nearby Fish-erman's Island.

erman's Island.

Fish Crows are common in Florida throughout the year, but in the winter the popula-tion swells. Crows come from along the eastern seaboard all

the way north to New Eng-land. They are smaller than the common crow, and will often scavenge along the beach and in urban areas. Fish crows have a distinctive call that sounds like, "uh-uh, uh-huh". Right in the same-area,

wildlife watchers can see hun-dreds of black and turkey vul-tures that roost on Binham's Island. Some vultures are year-round residents, but many thousands migrate southward each year. outhward each year. According to Mr. Zambrano,

vultures are found all over South Florida in woodlands, swamps and along roads. The adult turkey vulture can be identified by its red neck while the smaller black vulture has distinctive white-tipped wings and a black head.

The endangered bald eagle is very common in Florida dur-ing the winter. Upwards of 3,000 eagles are found with the greatest number concen-trated in Central Florida.

Over 600 pairs of eagles reside permanently in Florida; these birds nest, and raise their cans. young throughout the fall and winter. One interesting wintertime winter.

Resident birds are joined Resident birds are joined each year by an equal number of winter visitors from the northeast and Canada. While Florida's nesting eagles are widely distributed throughout the peninsula, our winter visitors concentrate in the northern third of the state.

In South Florida, nesting seales are found near lake assets are found near lake.

In South Florida, nesting eagles are found near Lake Okeechobee, Biscayne Bay, Florida Bay, the 10,000. Islands area, and the Keys. Immature and non-breeding brown pelicans spend winters in South Florida where they congregate with the year-round residents. Brown Pelis, cans protected as a Species of cans, protected as a Species of Special Concern (SSC), come from the Gulf and South Atlantic coast. White pelicans hail from the Great Plains and Canada. Florida Bay and Sick veterans closer to additional assistance

One interesting wintertime visitor is often spotted purched atop. telephone I lines near canals or narries, This is the belted kingfisher which feeds often small minnows by plunging into the water after its prey. It has a very distinctive silhouette and large head. Many songbirds find a wintertime home in Florida such as the Northern catbird, palm wathler and painted bunting. The most colorful is the paint-the bunting which comes from ed bunting which comes from

ed bunting which comes from as far north as the Carolinas

to spend the winter months' here, Buntings are most likely to be seen at bird feeders' along the South Gold Coast.

along the South Gold Coast.
Florida's beaches are favorite haunts for a variety of shorebirds coming from as far morth as the Arctic Circle to feed and rest during the long cold winter. Shorebirds'sme found along sand bars, mudflats, tidal pools, and along the periphery of estuaries.
Beach lovers will also discover that the sandy shores are favorite places for what, bird watchers collectively call the peepe. These include various plovers, sandpipers and

sanderlings.

Kestrels and merlins, members of the falcon family come to South Florida each winter from their homes in northern locales. You can often see them perched on telephone wires along roadways or in parks and small wood lots.

Mr. Zambrano recommends

Mr. Zambrano recommenos that people interested in bird watching this winter invest in a good identification field guide, binoculars, and sensible shops. They will find-that Florida's snow birds are a feast for the eye.

City of Pahokee to receive grant money

The Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin counties recently announced grant awards totaling \$275,000 to 58 not-for-profit \$275,000 to 58 not-for-profit organizations and agencies throughout the counties. Grants approved by the foundation's board of directors reflect the needs of the area including support of the Safespace, a shelter house in Martin County, and the Boys and Girls Club of Palm Beach County's Job Smart to Job Start' sumer employment program. mer employment program. Grants also represent interests ranging from the STAR series at the Raymond F. Kravis Cen-ter for Palm Beach County stu-

dents to support of hydroponics and fish farming at Pahokee Middle/Senior High School.

As one of the country's more than 400 community founda-tions, the Community Founda-tion for Palm Beach and Marcounties is part of the

fastest growing movement in philanthropy. The foundation serves as a pool for charitable funds invested for the current and future needs of Palm Beach and Martin counties. With current assets of \$27.2 million, the foundation awards grants to non-profit organizations serving Palm Beach and tions serving Palm Beach and Martin counties and scholarahips to graduating high school seniors. President Shannon Sadler stated, "While our grants to non-profit organizations are an important part of our mission, perhaps as important is the tephnical assistance we provide through our Foundation Center Cooperating Collection Library, offering funding information to non-profit organizations concerning founions concerning foun dations throughout the coun-

try."
The Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin counties is a community foun-

dation serving the residents and not-for-profit organiza-tions of the counties. Gifts and bequests make up the endowbequests make up the endow-ment of the foundation. Earnings from this endowment are used to make grants to not-for-prefit organizations through-out the counties. The foundasupport outstanding and deserving young people in a variety of academic settings. Those awarded grants in our

area are

Children's Home Society of Florida - for a tutoring program in Belle Glade (\$2,500).

* Cities in School of Palm Beach County for a photogra-phy workshop in Glades-area schools (\$3,000).

schools (\$3,000).

Building Blocks - to support the Farrer Prenatal Parenting Program (\$3,500).

City of Pahokee - to support of Pahokee - to support

port recreation programs for area youth (\$9,000).

The new law also authorized Secretary Brown to conduct a study evaluating the health status of spouses and children of Persian Gulf War veterans on VA's Persian Gulf Registry, which was established in 1992 to identify patterns of illnesses among Gulf veterans. The study will include diagnostic testing and appropriate nostic testing and appropriate

The Department of Veterans
Affairs (VA) announced that
sick veterans are one step closer to receiving additional
assistance from the VA for undiagnosed illnesses that may have been the result of their service in the Persian Gulf.

VA is publishing in the Federal Register a proposed rule on compensation payments to chronically disabled Persian chronically disabled Persian Gulf veterans with undiag-nosed illnesses. VA began developing the rule last month after President Clinton signed the Veterans Benefits Act of 1994, which authorized the Said VA Secretary Jesse

The highest water level in

The highest water level in three decades has forced the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (GFC) to close the boat ramps at Holiday Park in

Broward County.

Holiday Park provides access to Water Conserva-

Brown, Tll have taken steps under this law to expedite compensation payments to chronically disabled Persian Gulf veterans while we continue to look for the causes of their health problem. their health problems, and to study the health status of

their spouses and children."

Secretary Brown said VA is contacting each veteran on the Persian Gulf Registry, currently numbering more than 34,000, and will reopen previ-ously denied compensation forms. Veterans or their survivors with potential claims can contact the nearest VA Regional Office by calling 1-800-827-1000 for information

High water levels cause boat ramp closure dred or more anglers use

dred or more anglers use ramps each week.

The ramps at Holiday Park provided access to the L-67 canal. Although the area's marsh is closed to hunting, anglers may still fish the deep water canals throughout the Everglades, Mr. Morello said.

access to water conserva-tion Area 3, according to Frank Morello, the Ever-glades regional fisheries biologist based in West-Palm Beach. He said a hun-Anglers may still access Water Conservation Area 3 Water by using the ramps off Tamiami Trail near the

S333 Water Control Struc-ture, Mack's Fish Camp off Krome Avenue, and at the Weasel Trail Use site off U.S. Highway 27, 8 miles north of Holiday Park. "The closure of the Holi-

nostic testing and appropriate medical examinations to for-

mulate research hypotheses regarding possible association

between illnesses or disorders suffered by Persian Gulf veter-ans, and illnesses or disorders,

ans, and illnesses or disorders, including birth defects, mis-carriages and stillbirths, suf-fered by the spouses and chil-

"The closure of the Holi-day Park boat ramps is only a temporary measure," Mr. Morello said. "We hope to re-open the ramps in a few weeks once the water recedes."



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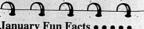
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Let's show our kids a game we used to play . .

Gray Goose



Here's how to get ready...

- · Shuffle your feet and make a big circle in fresh snow or sand.
- · Divide the circle into eight paths
- as shown in diagram A Add a smaller circle within the
- larger circle as shown. The more people playing, the larger the area should be.



Here's how to play...

- Everyone playing must stay on the paths within the outside circle.
- Anyone going outside a path is automatically "It." Just as in regular tag, the person who is "It" tries to catch someone. All those not "It" try not to get
- caught. · Once caught, the new person is "It."

(As an option, the center of the circle can be a "safe" spot, but only for a count of ten.)



Movie Mania

This is a great activity that both boys and girls will enjoy! Grown-ups can get in on the act, too! Go to your video store and rent an old monster movie like Godzilla, The Thing or Them. Pop some popcorn and watch the movie together to learn the story line, taking notes on who's who in the movie. Next, have everyone select a character from the movie and assume the character's role. Someone can even be the monster or the screaming mobs! There's only one catch when you watch the movie for the second time . . . you have to watch the movie with the sound off! When your character-comes on screen, you speak for them. Everyone makes up the lines as they go! The only rule is to have fun!

Painted Gift Box

by Emilda Harrington

A household sponge, acrylic paints and a little ribbon turn an ordinary box (a toothpaste box is shown here) into an

attractive gift box!



Ball and Basket Game

Don't throw away those laundry scoops! Turn them into a fun game instead by decorating them with bright stickers, adding colorful floss and a 1/2" bead. (For extra

protection, paint over stickers a thin coat of water-based varnish.) To play, hold onto the andle, swing the ball up into the air and try catching it in the cup



Animal Match-Up

Match the correct term in Column A with the correct animal or group of animals in Column B. Column B

A. A baby turkey.

B. A group of lions.

C. A group of hogs.

D. A group of geese (on the ground).

E. A baby kangaroo.F. A school of seals or whales.

Column A

- 1. herd
- Joey
- school
- 4: poult
- covey 6. flock
- gaggle
- fry pride 9 10. pod
- G. A gathering of quail. H. A group of fish.
- I. A baby fish. J. A group of birds.

VITEMELE: 1) C: 5) E: 3) H: 4) V: 2) C: Q) 7: 1) D: 8) I: 6) B: 10) E



What happens on January 20 every fourth year in the United States? Hint: It is a public holiday, but only in Washington, D.C.

Answer: Inauguration Day for a new president

What is never alike but always alike? Answer: A snowflake! No two snowflakes are ever the same, but all snowflakes have six sides.

On January 3, 1959, this state became the 49th state of the American Union. What state was it? Answer: Alaska

Penc

GET READY...

- One gold pencil One light tan 2" pom-pom
- One dark tan 3/4" pom-pom
- Small pieces of felt: tan, brown, gray, gold, black and red
- Two thick tan chenille stems
- One thick brown chenille stem. One thin black chenille stem Two 10mm wiggle eyes
- Clear-drying craft glue
- Thin-line black marker
- Tools: scissors, ruler, tracing paper, pencil, pen, toothpicks, and old scissors or wire cutters

GET SET ...

- Place tracing paper over patterns. With pencil, trace patterns for hands, shoes, Indian feather, headband, arrowhead and arrow feather.
- Cut patterns from tracing paper.

Cutting Use patterns to trace and cut out pieces from felt. Cut four tan hands. Cut four brown shoes. Cut two gold Indian feathers. Cut one black headband. Cut two gray arrowheads. Cut two gold arrow feathers. For face markings, cut four thin 3/4" strips from red felt.

Head With your finger, push an opening in the bottom of the large pom-pom. Use toothpick to spread glue onto eraser end of pencil, and push pencil into pom-pom opening. Press pom-pom around pencil end.

Glue eyes close together on center front of head. For nose, glue small pom-pom below eyes. See photo. Glue face markings on each cheek

Glue ends of headband together. Glue two Indian feathers together. Draw lines on feather with black marker. Cut slits on each side of feather.

Glue feather over ends of headband. Place headband on head. Glue bottom of feather to back of head.

3 Body Use old scissors to cur both tan chenille stems in half. See Figure 1. For the neck, wrap one stem tightly around pencil. For arms, place pencil across center of one stem. Cross stem at front of pencil and twist together

For lower body, wrap one stem around pencil in same way as neck. For legs, twist one stem around pencil in same way as arms. Slide all stems to top of pencil.





Glue two felt hands together at the end of each arm, having arm sandwiched between hands. Glue two felt shoes together at the end of each leg in same way. See photo to shape arms and legs.

by Mary Jo Cook

Bow and Arrow For bow, cut one 8" brown chenille stem and one 3" black chenille stem. Fold brown stem in half and twist together. See Figure 2. Bend brown em into a half-circle. Bend out 1/4" at each end. Glue brown stem to black stem.



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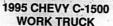
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